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Remembering French Hero of the Revolutionary War at The Hermitage

French historian delivers free lecture on Marquis de Lafayette's storied American journey

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (May 28 2019) – Julien Icher, the 25-year-old founder and CEO of [The Lafayette Trail](#) nonprofit, is traveling a 22,000-mile journey across the U.S. following in the footsteps of Marquis de Lafayette's United States farewell tour in 1824–1825. At The Hermitage, Icher will deliver a lecture about the Revolutionary War hero and Frenchman. The lecture is free and is open to the public.

“Retracing Lafayette's farewell tour nearly 200 years later is a deeply personal journey for Julien, which happens to lead him to Andrew Jackson's front door,” said Howard J. Kittell, president and CEO of the Andrew Jackson Foundation. “Julien is a bridge between two cultures and two eras, and we are honored to provide an opportunity for people to be inspired by him.”

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, in the Andrew Jackson Center Auditorium, Icher's lecture will focus on Lafayette's efforts in Tennessee, specifically the relationship between Jackson and Lafayette. Icher will also share what his own experience has been following in the footsteps of Lafayette almost 200 years after the Revolutionary War hero's fourth and final visit to the States.

Lafayette distinguished himself in battle and earned a reputation as an intelligent leader. He returned to France after the war but maintained strong ties with the leaders of the young country. In 1824, Lafayette accepted an invitation from President James Monroe to visit the United States. He was welcomed as a hero by cheering crowds as he journeyed through all 24 states. That 16-month journey is the focus of The Lafayette Trail, a Franco-American effort to document, map and mark the footsteps of Lafayette during his 1824–1825 Farewell Tour.

About The Lafayette Trail

[The Lafayette Trail](#), founded by Julien Icher, is a Franco-American effort to document, map and mark the footsteps of General Lafayette during his fourth and last visit to the United States in 1824–1825. Icher is a 25-year-old French geographer, web developer and historian enamored with the United States. Follow The Lafayette Trail and Icher on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About Andrew Jackson's Hermitage

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage: Home of the People's President is one of the largest, most well-preserved and most visited presidential homes in the United States. Opened to the public in 1889,

The Hermitage is one of America's first presidential museums. Today, The Hermitage is a 1,120-acre National Historic Landmark with more than 20 historic buildings, including Jackson's mansion and tomb, restored slave cabins, a church and gardens. In recent years, new interpretive initiatives and educational programs such as the history of slavery have enhanced the experience of nearly 230,000 annual visitors. For more information, visit www.thehermitage.com.

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